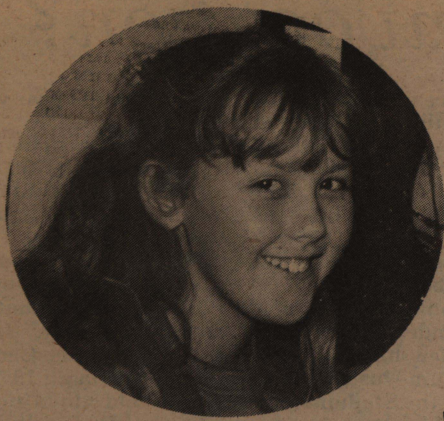




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"Dost thou know, my son, with how little wisdom the world is governed."

Count Oxenstierna (1583-1654)

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Youngsters probe scientific mysteries



David Bate, this year's overall winner

David Bate, a Grade 10 student from Cedar Hill Jr. Secondary, took the First Place Overall prize at the 23rd Annual Vancouver Island Regional Science Fair held at UVic April 7 to 9.

Bate's entry "Asexual in vitro Somatic Cell Suspension Culture" involved cloning carrot cells, and was the culmination of three years of work. He also won last year's First Place Overall prize for an entry in the same area of research.

Bate participates in the Enrichment Program at Cedar Hill, and completion of a Science Fair entry is part of the required course work in the program, which has about 80 students at the Grade 10 level. Much of the work is self-directed.

Bate intends to take a Bachelor of Science as the first step in a career that may include politics. He is chairman of the Vancouver Island Young Tories, and former president of the Esquimalt Young Tories.

Bate will go to the Canada-Wide Science Fair, to be held at St. Mary's University in Nova Scotia this year, and also wins the Science Fair Scholarship for study at UVic, awarded by UVic President Howard Petch.

This year's regional fair drew 155 entrants with 141 projects, 15 more than last year.

Other winners include Andrea Walsh, Grade 10, Cedar Hill Jr. Secondary, first prize, senior division, for "Wind Currents and Building Design"; Tim Swanson, Grade 9, Cedar Hill Jr. Secondary, first prize, junior division, for "Celts"; Siobhan Ozard, Grade 6, Torquay Elementary, first prize, intermediate division, for "Do Chemicals

Affect Root Growth in Zero or Low Gravity?" and Kenneth Ozard, Grade 4, Torquay Elementary, elementary division, for "Does Electricity Affect Plants?"

Special awards went to Robert Fontaine, Glenlyon School and Kevin Leeson, Penfield Elementary (Association of Professional Engineers Victoria Branch Award); David Bate, Cedar Hill Junior Secondary, Siobhan Ozard and Chris Hunter, both of Torquay Elementary (B.C. Institute of Agrologists Awards); Andrea Walsh, Cedar Hill Junior Secondary and Evelyn Lambe, Monterey Elementary (Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society Vancouver Island Award); Anna Racca, Cedar Hill Junior Secondary and Iain Dixon, Uplands Elementary (Chemical Institute of Canada Vancouver Island Award); Tim Swanson, Cedar Hill Junior Secondary (Communications Award); Laura Houghton, Mt. Newton Elementary (Computer Award); Greg Hewgill, Cedar Hill Jr. Secondary (Engineering Award); Edwin Wong, Savory Elementary and Jason Winters, Lochside Elementary (Gordon Patterson Award); Craig Thomson, Cedar Hill Jr. Secondary (IBM Regional Computer Technology Award); Sean Campbell, Frank Hobbs Elementary, (Northwest Laboratories Award in Biology); Benson Young, Cedar Hill Junior Secondary (Scientific Merit Award); Robert Fontaine, Glenlyon School (Suncor Energy Award); Roxy Petts, North Saanich Secondary (UVic Social Sciences Chairmen's Award); Philippe McLean, Glenlyon School (UVic Science Chairmen's Award) and Michael Stephen, Sooke Elementary (Young Scientist Award).

Five per cent chop is official

The Universities Council of British Columbia (UCBC) has officially notified UVic that the general purposes operating grant for 1984-85 is five per cent less than the 1983-84 grant.

UCBC received a letter April 3 from Dr. Pat McGeer, Minister of Universities, Science and Communications, confirming that the overall general purposes operating grant for the three B.C. universities is \$285,943,000, 95 per cent of last year's grant.

Still to be confirmed is an additional sum, designated operating grants (other) for such specific purposes as Interior programming.

"The total sum for operating grants (other) for the three universities is expected to approximate the total 1983-84 level," states a news release from UCBC.

Also not included in the general purposes operating grant is funding for UVic's Faculty of Engineering which has been handled in the past as a special grant.

UCBC has allocated the general purposes operating grant in the same propor-

tion to each university as it did in last year's allocation.

UVic receives \$51 million, compared to \$53.7 million in 1983-84. Simon Fraser University receives \$63.2 million and the University of British Columbia gets \$171.6 million.

"Council is very conscious of the acute and increased burden this reduced grant will impose upon the universities," states the release.

"During 1984-85, many decisions will have to be taken at both the institutional and system levels to accommodate what appears to be the government's inability to provide appropriate funding for the university sector."

As a result of its Strategic Planning Project, UCBC plans to revise its grant allocation procedures for 1985-86 "to ensure a close and predictable fit between the emerging academic priorities in these changing economic conditions and the deployment of future provincial operating grants."

Biology students sweep research awards

Four UVic graduate biology students made a clean sweep of the research awards offered last month at the eighth annual Mine Reclamation Symposium, sponsored by the B.C. Mining Association and the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, in association with the UVic Environmental Studies Program.

David Fraser, Joanne Lawrence, Clint Smyth and Laura Taylor won the \$500 awards offered by the technical and research committee on reclamation, in recognition of the quality of their research and contributions they have made to the understanding of the ecology of reclamation practices for mined areas of B.C.

Fraser, Smyth and Lawrence are working on a research team headed by UVic biologist and Director of Environmental Studies Dr. Marc Bell, investigating the problem of restoring biological productivity to land disturbed by open pit coal mining in the East Kootenays. They are looking at the problem of land reclamation

from a number of ecological viewpoints, with the goal of replacing the unsightly scars of old-time strip mining with a landscape emphasizing improved wildlife habitat and an enhanced naturally-balanced forest environment.

Taylor is working under the supervision of biologist Dr. Derek Ellis. She is investigating the way in which mining wastes are reclaimed by the environment, applying highly novel concepts of land reclamation underwater, in a manner designed to speed up the natural reclamation process. Her work location is Rupert Inlet on North Vancouver Island at the site of waste discharges from Island Copper Mines.

Each of the award-winning students gave a presentation of their research during the three-day symposium held at UVic Feb. 29 to March 2. Presentations were also made by researchers from the University of Alberta and UBC, the provincial government and research organizations, and the coal industry.

Helen Pitt Awards Exhibition of works by graduating students comes to UVic

For the first time, the annual Helen Pitt Graduate Awards Exhibition will be held at UVic, from April 26 to May 8.

Also for the first time, a graduating UVic student in Fine Arts at David Thompson University Centre (DTUC) in Nelson, is one of the major prize winners in the Helen Pitt awards selection.

DTUC student Clare Singleton receives \$2,000 for her painting, one of 260 works from 140 students who entered the competition from UVic,

SFU, UBC and the Emily Carr College of Art and Design.

Two other works by UVic Visual Arts students were chosen for \$2,250 cash awards, Donna Kelly's drawing and Doug Buis' sculpture. Two other \$2,250 winners are graduating students from Emily Carr and SFU.

The Helen Pitt Fund for the Fine Arts was established by the late Helen Pitt and is administered by the Vancouver Foundation. Adjudicator for this year's competition

was well-known Canadian artist Greg Curnoe.

The awards exhibition has been organized on behalf of the Foundation by the Visual Arts Department at UVic. Exhibition organizer Prof. George Tiessen (Visual Arts) explains that the exhibition will be held in the Department's sculpturing area.

Seven UVic students are among 25 graduating students chosen to display 30 works at the Pitt exhibition at UVic.

Clint Atkinson will show a drawing, Douglas Buis, two sculptures; Judy Gunhouse, films; Alix MacDonald, a painting; Clare Singleton, a painting; and Virginia Bruels, an installation.

Works by students from Emily Carr, UBC, and SFU have also been chosen for the exhibition which will include videos, paintings, drawings, film, sculpture and sculptural installations.

Why don't more faculty attend Convocation?

That moment when a student walks proudly in cap and gown across the stage, in a ceremony full of color and tradition, when he hears his name called and receives his university degree, is surely one of the highlights of his life. And for parents watching the colorful ceremony the hour is full of poignancy and a sense of pride. Through self discipline on the part of the student and often sacrifice by parents this proud moment has been achieved.

This spring there will be four Convocation ceremonies at UVic: Arts and Science on June 1 and Education and Law and other faculties on June 2. Each ceremony lasts approximately one and a half hours followed by a reception where students welcome the opportunity to speak to faculty and to introduce them to their parents. Professor Betty Kennedy, (Mathematics), chairman of the Ceremonies Committee, points out that faculty have an important role to play on these occasions when the university as a whole is on display to the public.

Some faculty are asked to assist as marshalls of the processions. Others in the procession represent to students and guests the academic sector of the university. Kennedy is disappointed at the turnout of faculty at Convocation. In a letter to Senate March 7, Kennedy asked why so few faculty display enough interest to attend Convocation and how best to stimulate interest in future attendance.

"Last spring an average of 20 faculty sat on the stage at each ceremony. Out of approximately 500 full-time faculty on staff, this number, in our opinion, is too low", says Kennedy. "We are aware that the spring Convocation ceremony frequently conflicts with the Learned Society meetings which preclude many faculty members from attending. There is also the problem of regalia. Assuming regalia is a deterrent the Ceremonies Committee is endeavoring to acquire gowns and make them available to faculty members."

Dr. Reg Mitchell (Chemistry) is one faculty member who does regularly turn out for Convocation, performing the duty of marshall. "Now that the Convocation ceremonies are divided into fewer disciplines they are shorter and more relevant", says Mitchell.

"Convocation is a day for the parents as much as the students and this is one reason why faculty should try to

attend. The reception, too, is an important part of Convocation. I don't wait for students to approach me. I try to circulate and seek out my students and parents to congratulate and have a chat with them."

In terms of smooth mechanics, Convocation has improved tremendously over the years, says Mitchell, who admits he rather misses some of the unexpected happenings of past Convocations.

"With the elimination of speeches by honorary degree holders and by the valedictorian, Convocation has lost something. There are no surprises these days. In the past one never knew what the students were going to wear or say or what the guest speaker would say, whereas what the president and chancellor will say is pretty predictable."

Asked how faculty can be encouraged to attend Convocation, Mitchell says, tongue-in-cheek, that perhaps career progress increments should be conditional upon attending Convocation unless there's a good reason.

This year Arts and Science Convocations will be on a Friday and Mitchell says it will be interesting to see if this results in a better turnout of faculty. One of his colleagues will attend for the first time as the Saturday Convocation has always clashed with coaching a community soccer team.

Not all faculty members are as enthusiastic about Convocation as Mitchell. One faculty member points out that having to sit on a hard steel chair does not encourage one to attend. "The discomfort of sitting on the damn things increases as the number of students increases." Another faculty member pointed out that "two cookies and a cup of tea is not much incentive to sit on a hard chair for two hours."

Dr. Reg Roy (History) is another faculty member who regularly turns out for Convocation. He, too, thinks Convocations have improved since they were divided into four ceremonies, and says, "Thank God they have cut down or eliminated the speeches."

Convocations at UVic have come a long way since the first one was held in the old drill hall (the old gym), points out Roy. He remembers when Convocation was held in the open in the quad. "If it didn't rain, the sun was beating down on you. That's when my spirit first began to flag at Convocation." The Memorial Arena was

another scene of Convocation, including the year when Prince Phillip was given an honorary degree.

Dr. Peter Smith recalls other Convocations in his light hearted article, "Confessions of a Convocation Freak" in the Alumni magazine, *The Torch*. "Ceremonial occasions inspire me with a curious mixture of fascination and disrespect. My taste for stirring rhetoric and dramatic pageantry is as keen as anyone's but I've never lost the choir boy's thirst for ceremonial disaster, a longing for the spontaneous blunder of random mishaps that can turn a humdrum ritual into a treasured memory." Smith recalls a few highlights of past Convocations. Centennial Stadium was the locale from 1968 through 1970. "I remember the Stadium for its bitterly cold winds and for the skylarks that spiralled overhead as Roderick Haig-Brown assumed his role as Chancellor." He remembers the early 70's Convocations as years when ceremonial tensions were created by bizarre styles of dress and deportment, for those were the years of academic discontent. "In terms of atmosphere and pageantry, the climax was reached with those outdoor Convocations in the quad in the heart of the campus", says Smith.

Kennedy, whose job it is to see ceremonies run like clockwork, probably wouldn't share Smith's enthusiasm for ceremonial disaster and Smith admits that, thanks to her expertise, Convocations have now become an efficient and well-oiled machine.

"Mind you", says Smith, "there are still juicy moments of incongruity like the spectacle of students parading through the rain under cover of regulation issue glad bags. But on the whole, a mood of confident professionalism now prevails and gone is the sense of imminent disaster you could almost smell in the sixties."

With Convocation ceremonies retaining their colorful pageantry, but pared of excess verbiage and running smoothly to an hour-and-a-half ceremony in the University Centre Auditorium, Kennedy hopes there will be a goodly number of profs displaying their colorful robes on stage and mingling with students and parents at this spring's Convocations.

After all it is the University's 21st anniversary this year and Convocation is part of the celebration.

Women place second in San Diego Classic

A UVic women's crew placed second in the clubs section of the prestigious San Diego Crew Classic, April 7.

The UVic men finished fourth, also in the clubs section.

The San Diego Classic, often dubbed the unofficial North American championships, drew about 30,000 spectators.

UVic crews this year were entered in the club eights races because of a ruling by the NCAA. In 1983, both UVic men and women placed second behind the University of Washington in the Varsity Eight Races. In 1982, UVic women won the Varsity Eight trophy.

This year, the UVic women finished the 1,000-metre course just 1.7 seconds behind the winning University of British Columbia eight.

The men's 2,000-metre race was won by Pen Athletic Club of Philadelphia.

Coaches Doug White and Rick Crawley accompanied 18 UVic rowers to the Classic. The women's eight consisted of cox Joy Crane, stroke Sandra Williams, Lise Johnson, Sarah Heywood, Gill Saxby, Lise Wright, Cathy Puddy, Marianne Morgan and Tanya Phillips.

In the men's eight were cox Alan Cairns, stroke John Ossowski, Eric Kovits, Howie Campbell, Dave Sager, Kelly Wright, Don Telfer, Ian Swan and Rob Currie.

Odyssey to assist ES

A novel way to help fund environmental studies at UVic in the event of possible future funding difficulties is being tried this spring by Dr. Marc Bell, biologist and Director of Environmental Studies.

Bell will act as the resource person on two 10-day explorations of the west coast wilderness of Vancouver Island this May and early June, and has reached an agreement with Pacific Synergies, the group organizing the tours, that part of the profits will go towards funding for the UVic ES program.

Participants on the 10-day educational recreational tours, May 10 to 30 and again May 30 to June 9, will travel on a 45-foot sailing cutter to explore Vancouver Island from Tofino, through Clayoquot Sound, Nootka Sound, Esperanza Inlet and Kyuquot Sound and make stops at abandoned village sites and Hot Springs Cove.

The group will hopefully see whales, pelagic birds, and sea otters. While observing the natural history, they will seek the connections between living landscapes, ocean and forest, says Bell.

During the trip, participants will exam-

ine the environmental issues confronting an area that represents a microcosm of the environmental concerns confronting North America. Among the sites visited will be Meares Island in Clayoquot Sound, one of the few remaining sites of old forest growth on Vancouver Island and the centre of public controversy lately in the face of the desire of many individuals and groups to preserve the area from logging later this year.

People from all walks of life are welcome to join these tours which, as well as being a rich educational environmental experience, promise to be "a pleasurable experience—a trip of a lifetime", says Bell.

The arrangement reached with Pacific Synergies is that \$150 from each registration fee of \$1,280 will be donated toward the UVic ES program. For further information, telephone Bell at 721-7354 or 479-5314, or Pacific Synergies at 988-1613 in Vancouver. The tour conductor and skipper for Pacific Synergies is Dr. Al Whitney, who has taught environmental and science education at Simon Fraser University.

Peace walk and rally set

Phil Esmonde, co-ordinator of the annual Victoria Walk for Peace, April 28, is expecting about 7,000 people to participate this year.

"We had more than 5,000 people at the walk and rally last year and early indications are that we'll probably have more this year if the weather co-operates," said Esmonde, a 1977 UVic grad and long-time disarmament activist.

The Alma Mater Society (AMS) at UVic has officially endorsed the walk and rally, as has UVic Educators for Nuclear Disarmament (UVICEND) and students' groups.

The walk leaves from Centennial Square in downtown Victoria at 12:30 p.m. and proceeds to Macdonald Park in James Bay where a rally will include musicians and speakers.

Larry Dettweiler, Camosun teacher and Victoria child psychologist, will speak on the problems of parenting in the nuclear age. Others speakers are Peter Penz, Salt Spring Island author of *The Deterrent that Isn't: Questions and Answers on Canada and the Nuclear Swindle* and Terry

Padgham, Victoria peace activist.

Esmonde said one theme of this year's rally is "our responsibility as adults to our children. The question is not what we are doing, but what we are passing on. Are we doing anything to live up to our responsibilities to children?"

Esmonde and others in the Greater Victoria Disarmament Group, which is organizing the walk and rally, have been urging politicians to declare Canada a nuclear-weapons-free zone. "This is a symbolic and non-traditional way of approaching the problem of the testing of nuclear arms," explained Esmonde.

"We have to start somewhere and we'll be asking those who come on the walk to reflect on the changes that are needed in attitudes and policies so that this country can adopt a more peaceful role."

Esmonde said the walk is also designed to break people out of their sense of isolation and helplessness about the nuclear buildup. "The rallies bring together a remarkable variety of people and demonstrates that individuals working together can create a lot of energy for change."

Faculty and staff shape up

Athletics and Recreational Services are offering a variety of special fitness programs for faculty and staff, beginning April 16.

There's something for everyone, from beginners to those seeking an intense aerobic work-out. All programs are scheduled at convenient times for faculty and staff.

A good place to start is the "20-minute solution" offered Monday through Thursday at 12:10 p.m. Faculty and staff can register now for this program which costs \$15 for six weeks. Registration is limited to the first 20 people.

For those who like to start the day with a bit of brisk exercise, "early bird fitness" is offered at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday in the dance studio.

Also in the dance studio, at 4:40 p.m., is "the energizer", an aerobic work-out Tuesday and Thursdays.

Faculty and staff can purchase a "fitness pass" entitling them to 10 classes for \$17 in the early bird or energizer fitness programs.

The "hydra gym combo", an introduction to weight training and calisthenics, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 12:30 p.m., is also offered with a registration fee of \$15 for six weeks.

Faculty and staff can also take advantage of the McKinnon Centre's fitness assessment and counselling programs.

Fitness co-ordinator Gord Miller says that aerobics classes for students are also starting up this month. "Fitness classes are extremely popular," he points out. "Interest in the whole area has really mushroomed in recent years."

More information on all the fitness programs is available at the McKinnon Centre or by calling 8406.

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Conference draws impressive list of speakers

By Donna Danylchuk

"The quality of the papers to be presented is superb. We are looking forward to the conference sessions," reports Prof. Bill Neilson (Law), chairman of the conference committee for **The University into the 21st Century**.

The papers will be presented during what will surely be the largest single gathering of distinguished national and international scholars at UVic at one time, from May 2 to 5.

The scholars will be here to examine challenges facing universities around the globe now and into coming decades.

The conference, being held as part of the university's celebration of its 21st birthday as a degree-granting institution, has been over a year in planning. Neilson, conference committee vice-chairman Dr. Chad Gaffield (History), and UVic conference officer Tom Lietaer are now concluding final details of conference preparation.

They report that interest shown from faculty and staff to date is high, with pre-registrations for sessions which are open and complimentary to the university community numbering more than 100.

"Although the conference is open to faculty and staff, it is not a walk-in conference. Seating is limited and registrations for individual sessions or for the full conference must be made in advance, by April 24," emphasizes Neilson.

Altogether, 25 papers will be delivered during the proceedings and these will be published later in book form.

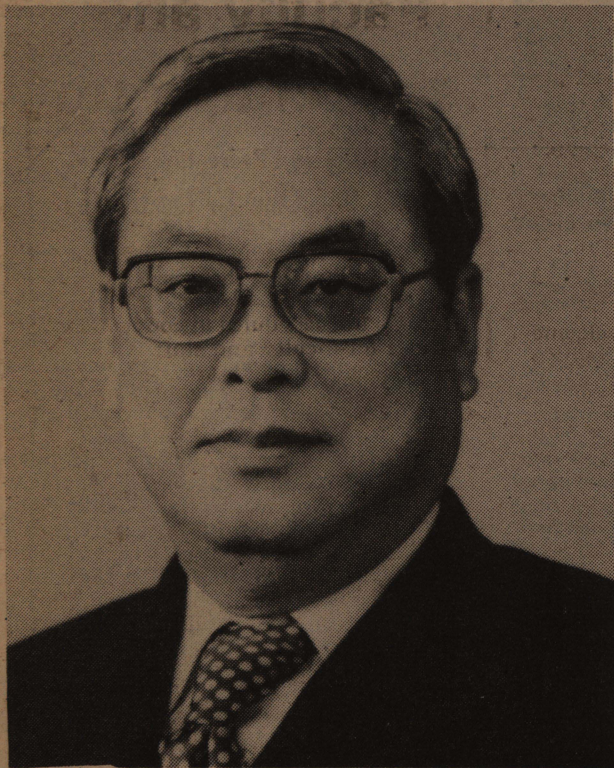
Opening the conference in University Centre Auditorium on the evening of May 2 will be UVic President Dr. Howard Petch. The keynote address will be delivered by Dr. Alan Cairns, professor of political science at the University of British Columbia, on the topic "The University and Society: Historical Reflections." Cairns is currently with the Royal Commission on the Economic Union and Development Prospects for Canada, and has been the Mackenzie King Visiting Professor of Canadian Studies at Harvard.

Papers will be presented by two former and a present Lansdowne scholar at UVic. "The Moral Crisis of the University, or, the Tension between Marketplace and



Toni Carbo Bearman: executive director of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science in Washington, D.C., will speak on "The University in the Information Age"

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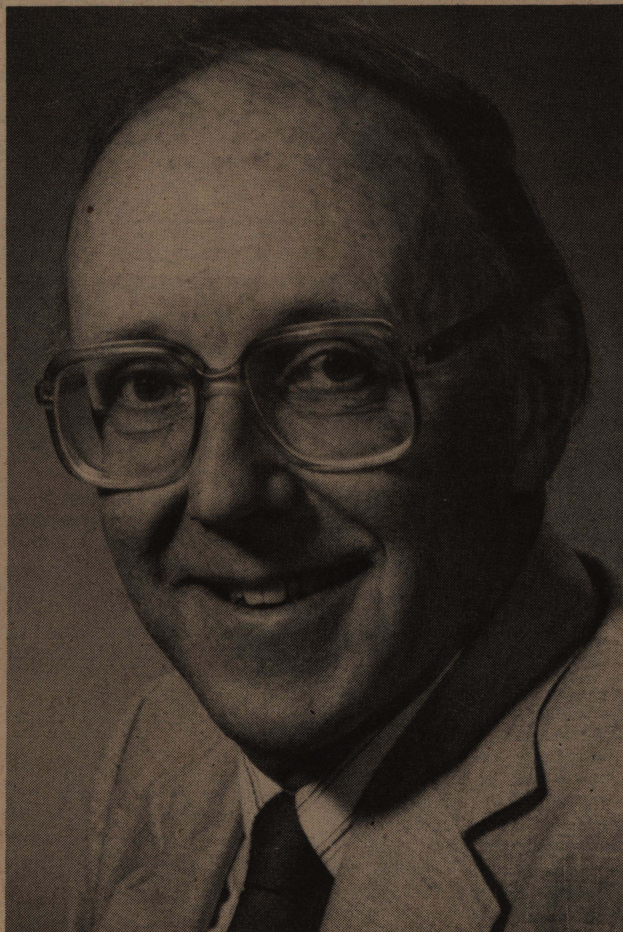


Dr. Nobuyuki Fukuda, president of the University of Tsukuba, will speak on "Models and Planning in Japan"

Community in Higher Learning" is the title of the paper to be delivered by historian Dr. Michael Katz, an expert on the social development of Canada and the United States from the urban studies program at the University of Pennsylvania. "Balancing Pure and Applied Research" will be the topic addressed by Sir Hans Kornberg, Sir William Dunn Professor of Biochemistry and Master of Christ's College at Cambridge University. Present Lansdowne professor in the history of science at UVic, Dr. Morris Berman, will speak on "The Cybernetic Dream of the 21st Century".

"Staying Near the Customer" is the title of the paper to be delivered by Dr. William Cochrane, academic researcher and administrator and head of Connaught Laboratories in Toronto, one of Canada's most significant commercial and research laboratories. In the same general session (Society's Expectations), Lynn Williams, recently confirmed as international president of the United Steelworkers of America, will speak on "Unions, Equity and Higher Education."

"The University in the Information Age" will be explored in the paper presented by Dr. Toni Carbo Bear-



Dr. Alan Cairns: UBC professor gives keynote address

During the general session on Machine and Minds: Artificial Intelligence and Computer-assisted Learning, Dr. Patrick Suppes, director of the Institute for Mathematical Studies in Social Sciences at Stanford University, will discuss "Computers and Education in the 21st Century". In the same session, Dr. David Godfrey, professor of creative writing at UVic, and author of *The Telidon Book*, *The Elements of CAL*, and contributor and co-editor of *Gutenberg 2*, will deliver his paper titled "It's a Long Way to Tipperary: The CAL Critique of AI".

"Models and Planning in Japan" will be described by Dr. Nobuyuki Fukuda, physicist, author of recent books *Visions to the 21st Century* and *International Development and the University*, and, since 1980, president of the University of Tsukuba, the new national Japanese university committed to learning and research in the context of the new technology. "National Planning and the Universities in Modern China" will be described by Dr. Qui Yuan, renowned Chinese economist from East China Normal University in Shanghai, whose positions



Dr. Patricia Cross: American proponent of education reform will speak on "New Students in New Bottles"

include vice-chairman of the China Economics of Education Society.

Dr. Kjell Eide of Norway, longstanding member of the Organization for Economic and Cultural Development (OECD) who has been an OECD examiner of education policy in Canada, and was recently retained by the Secretariat to prepare a report on the framework for educational policies in the 1980s and 1990s, will speak on "Planning Priorities: Western European Challenges".

A foremost American proponent of education reform and former president of the American Association of Higher Education, Dr. Patricia Cross, faculty member with the Graduate School of Education at Harvard University, will present a paper titled "New Students in New Bottles".

From Ottawa, Dr. David Cameron, assistant Under Secretary of State with the federal government, will speak on "Public Priorities and Government Support" during the general session on Universities and National Development.

The closing address of the conference will be delivered by Dr. Kenneth Hare, former distinguished lecturer at UVic, renowned scientist and environmentalist, fellow of the Royal Society and professor of geography and physics at the University of Toronto.

The speakers and visiting delegates to the conference represent Canada, China, Chile, Tanzania, Norway, the United Kingdom, Japan, the United States, India, the Philippines, Thailand, Indonesia, Kenya and the Caribbean region.

UVic faculty and staff wishing to register or receive further information should contact conference officer Tom Lietaer at University Extension, telephone 721-8475. Also, watch for a display highlighting the conference which will be mounted in the main foyer of the McPherson Library.

calendar

Monday, April 16th.

Maltwood Art Museum and Gallery. Dept. of Visual Arts Graduating Exhibits. Continues with rotating exhibits until May 2. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday, 12 noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, and during evening events at the University Centre Auditorium.
McPherson Library Gallery. Paintings by Jonathon Birgdale con-

cludes today. Library hours until April 27 are 8 a.m. to 12 midnight Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 12 midnight Saturday and Sunday. (Easter weekend hours are 10 a.m. to 12 midnight April 20-22; 9 a.m. to 12 midnight April 23.)

1:30 p.m. Oral Exam—Nicholas Stewart Brdar, M.F.A. Candidate. (Exhibition: *Monsters Without A Future*—Sculpture.) Maltwood Art Museum and Gallery.

3:00 p.m. Board of Governors meets. Senate & Board Room, University Centre.

6:30 p.m. Cinecenta films. *Fanny and Alexander* (Swedish 1983). Subtitles.

9:30 p.m. Admission charge. SUB Theatre.

Tuesday, April 17th.

McPherson Library Gallery. *Work* by Katherine Knight. Continues until April 22.

7:30 p.m. Lambrick Park Secondary School Band Concert. University Centre Auditorium.

Wednesday, April 18th.

10:30 a.m. Oral Exam. Keith Douglas Brownsey, M.A. Candidate in Political Science, will defend his thesis entitled: "Party and Movement: A Case Study of Medicare and the 1964 Saskatchewan Provincial Election." CORN A372.

12:30 p.m. Faculty of Human and Social Development meets. CORN B145.

1:25 p.m.

1:00 p.m. Oral Exam. James George Foster, M.A. Candidate in Psychology, will defend his thesis entitled: "The History of Recapitulation Theory in Psychology." CORN A317.

Thursday, April 19th.

10 a.m.

10:00 a.m. Faculty of Arts and Science meets. ELLI 167.

8:00 p.m. Victoria Symphony Orchestra—Discovery Series. Tickets are \$10 general admission, \$6.50 for Students and Senior Citizens. University Centre Auditorium.

Friday, April 20th.

Good Friday, University offices closed.

Monday, April 23rd.

Easter Monday. University offices closed.

Friday, April 27th.

10:00 a.m. Oral Exam. Alan George Phillips, M.A. Candidate in Geography, will defend his thesis entitled: "Jurisdictional Conflicts in Resource Management—Perspectives on the Canadian West Coast Commercial Fishing Industry." CORN B145.

Dear Sir:

I am pleased to advise you that the Sino-Canadian Library Foundation has been granted tax-free status as a non-profit charitable organization by Revenue Canada. This means that receipts for tax purposes can be issued for donations. The Foundation is helping to build English and French language holdings of academic materials at the Beijing Foreign Languages Institute Library which serves the academic community of North China. Thousands of books have already been sent. Two large new reading rooms with open stacks and extended reading hours have already been created. Our aim now is to build a capital fund of \$100,000. All donations will be used for books. No overhead costs will be incurred. Donations made out to the Sino-Canadian Library Foundation may be sent to Dr. Carol Johnson, English Department.

Sincerely yours,
Carol Johnson



"What do students want?" asks Phil Foster of the Recreation and Intramurals program at UVic. Foster and Wayne Pealo, co-ordinator of Recreation and Intramurals, noticed a sharp decline in student interest in the skiing section of the outdoor recreation program this year. They are wondering why rental skis are staying in the racks and university-planned ski trips to Mt. Washington were not fully booked when, in 1982-83, interest was high and feedback was good. Could hard economic times be bringing students to the outdoor equipment rental room in the Old Gym to rent more camping equipment but fewer skis? wonders Foster. UVic ski trips are cost competitive, but would shorter ski trips closer to Victoria be the answer? Recreation is always subject to trends. Aerobic fitness is popular right now and kayaking is doing very well, notes Pealo, who will conduct a user survey in the fall. Meanwhile, he and Foster would like to hear comments on the skiing situation from students, faculty and staff. Before setting up next year's program they want to assess whether this was an off-year for skiing or part of a permanent trend. Their numbers at Athletics and Recreation are 721-8413 for Pealo and 721-8410 for Foster.

Ringers

Dr. Paul F. Thomas, of the Faculty of Education, has been awarded a fellowship to visit Japan this summer as a guest of the Japan Institute for Social and Economic Affairs (JISEA) Thomas is one of 30 educators from the United States and Canada selected for the all-expenses paid, 16-day trip to Japan, June 24 to July 10. A special committee of the U.S. National Council for the Social Studies, which co-sponsors the program designed to enhance the teaching of global studies, met in San Francisco to evaluate the 537 fellowship applications. Winning proposals were chosen for originality and practicality, as well as for the applicants' proven qualifications for developing Japan-related curriculum following the study-visit. The 1984 Fellows, traveling as a study team, will experience contemporary Japanese society firsthand. They will meet with government officials, tour urban and rural schools, inspect manufacturing plants, transportation systems and businesses, and observe ways in which the Japanese are coping with social and environmental problems. The Japan Institute for Social and Economic Affairs, headquartered in Tokyo, is a private, non-profit organization which seeks to foster a better understanding of the goals and the role of business.

Beginning April 16, Faculty Club members will be able to enjoy evening meals in the Banner Room which combines dining rooms A and B. The newly decorated space features wall hangings by Carole Sabiston and works of art by Prof. Pat Martin Bates (Visual Arts). To coincide with the opening, the club is introducing a new evening menu and during the first week of operation, diners will receive a complimentary champagne cocktail. Club officials remind members that April 22 to 28 is National Secretaries' Week, an excellent time for bosses to take secretaries to lunch.

Three students in the M.A. program of the Department of History in Art have had papers accepted for a conference entitled "Art History in Canada: Young Scholars", to be held at Laval University in Quebec City, April 28 and 29. Janice Holland will speak on "Leonora Carrington: esoteric feminist or surrealist", Jeff Cohn on "The Alai Madrasa: a neglected link in the history of Indo-Islamic architecture", and Ted Zemek on "Observations on the Joshua Roll".

U of T launches campaign

The University of Toronto is the latest of several Ontario universities to launch a major campaign to seek financial support from faculty, staff, alumni and other, private, sources in response to the effects of under-funding.

A special fund-raising campaign was launched in March by the Faculty Association, Staff Association and the Students' Council. Called the "Preservation Initiative," the campaign is geared toward raising money to preserve positions and services.

Prof. Fred Wilson, chairman of the committee, believes most members of the university community will see the campaign as a way of reacting to budget cuts. "While the campaign will allow individuals to specify the area they would like to support, concern cuts across the usual boundaries."

Members of faculty and staff on the President's Committee, made up of donors, participation rate must reach 20 percent, he stated.

The Director of Private Funding reported that the total given to the University of Toronto by faculty and staff was more than half a million dollars during 1983.

Last year was the best year ever for the Varsity Fund, the university's annual alumni support program. Douglas Todgham, associate director of the Department of Private Funding, reported alumni gifts increased by 37.9 percent from 1982. The total donated by alumni was \$1.93 million or 98.6 percent of the goal for 1983.

Donald Ivey, Vice-President, Institutional Relations, told the board that President David Strangway is convinced of the need for expansion of resources in the external area. One of the priorities for 1984, he said, is to increase the number of correct addresses of alumni in order to keep in touch with as many as possible. In order to reach Strangway's announced goal to double the alumni annual giving, the participation rate must reach 20 percent he stated.

Varsity Fund board chairman, Malim Harding stated that 1984 would be a "year of transition." One of the projects is a market research survey of U. of T. alumni to examine current attitudes of giving and non-giving alumni toward the University of Toronto and current patterns of giving. The results will be used to help develop programs to increase alumni donations and to identify strategies that have the potential to increase the alumni participation rate and the size of donations.

The University of Toronto is also expanding its staff in the Development Office and has advertised nationally for a qualified person reporting directly to the President — to direct the activities of Communications, Alumni and all fund-raising.

When asked for comment on UVic's plans for internal and external fund-raising, Floyd Fairclough, Director of Community Relations and Development, stated that methods would be explored following the recommendations of the task force established by Dr. Murray Fraser, Vice-President, Academic, (See article, *the Ring*, Feb. 4). A preliminary report is due this month.

Notebook

The next edition of *the Ring* will be distributed on campus April 27 as we move to a revised publishing schedule. *The Ring* will be published every two weeks with editions scheduled for April 27, May 11 and May 25. Anyone wishing to publicize an event on campus during May should take note of these publication dates.